

## Yarn Ethically & Sustainably Sourced (YESS) Policy

At **Artistic Milliners**, we are committed to responsible sourcing practices that align with ethical standards, global due diligence requirements, and YESS Standards. This policy sets forth our expectations for suppliers and establishes a framework for identifying and mitigating risks in the cotton supply chain.

#### 1. Scope:

This policy applies to all suppliers, subcontractors, and business partners involved in the procurement, processing, and distribution of cotton and cotton-based products within our supply chain.

## 2. Management Process for Risk Identification and Mitigation:

We have implemented a structured approach to managing risks associated with the sourcing of cotton. This includes:

- Conducting supply chain mapping to trace the origin of raw materials.
- Implementing risk assessments to identify forced labor and other ethical concerns.
- Establishing a remediation process for addressing identified risks.
- Engaging with third-party audits to ensure compliance with industry standards.

## 3. Commitment to Due Diligence and Industry Standards:

Artistic Milliners adheres to internationally recognized due diligence frameworks, including the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains. We commit to:

- Regularly assessing supply chain risks and taking preventive action.
- Ensuring transparency and accountability in sourcing practices.
- Implementing training programs for employees and suppliers on responsible sourcing.

### 4. Supplier Expectations:

We require our suppliers to:

- Avoid forced labor and ensure fair working conditions.
- Conduct their own due diligence to mitigate risks in their supply chains.
- Provide accurate documentation and reports regarding material sourcing.
- Cooperate with audits and supplier assessments as part of compliance verification.

#### 5. Consequences for Non-Compliance:

Non-compliance with this policy may result in:

- Suspension or termination of business relationships.
- Requirement to implement corrective action plans.
- Reporting of serious violations to relevant authorities.



# Yarn Ethically & Sustainably Sourced (YESS) Policy

### 6. Stakeholder Engagement and Feedback Mechanism

We value input from stakeholders and have established channels for reporting concerns, including:

- A grievance mechanism for affected workers and stakeholders.
- Regular engagement with industry groups and civil society organizations.
- Internal review processes to act on complaints and feedback effectively.

#### 8. Review and Continuous Improvement

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure its effectiveness and alignment with emerging standards. Updates will be communicated to all relevant stakeholders.

Approved By: Director Operations

RACHI) Š

Date: 14 Feb 2025

Signature and Stamp.